

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 04.20.16
Merrimack Town Hall, Memorial Conference Room
7:00pm

Attendees: Chris Christensen, Julie Poole, Jackie Flood, Christine Lavoie, Dan Dwyer – Town Council,
Cinda Guagliumi – School Board and Michelle Cushman

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Dan Ricker, Melissa Kowalewski, Nick Kropelin, Laura Jaynes, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens
Club and Rick Greenier – MYA

Public:

Start time: 7:04pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from March 30th, 2016
 - Cinda Guagliumi made the motion to accept the March Meeting Minutes
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 7-0-0 motion passed
- 3 Old Business
 - Update from the Friends of the Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
 - Project Update
 - Balance is \$29,531
 - Bid process is ongoing
 - Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Events are being planned and more to come with communication for when and what they are
 - Update on concerns regarding Martel Field
 - Trees are being removed
 - More discussion on the road and gate near the field
 - Police Chief was talked to regarding asking for more patrol
 - Additional trash and recycling barrels have been added
 - Fields just opened
 - Dan Dwyer said if field can't be maintained then the option of closing the field down to the Softball League
 - Stop sign and street will be addressed by the Highway Safety Committee
 - Comments from Annual Parks & Recreation Committee review with Town Council on 4/14/16
 - Laura Jaynes and Chris Christensen attended annual review at Town Council and tennis courts at Wasserman Park was discussed

- Chris Christensen said they were happy with the Town Council's support
- Jackie Flood thanked Dan Dwyer and Matt Casparius for pushing to improve Wasserman Park

4 New Business

- New items for discussion?
 - Jackie Flood discussed a yard sale at Watson Park
 - Planting shrubs to improve the park
 - Acknowledge donors gifts over the years
 - Dan Dwyer recommended putting this item on the next agenda to discuss further

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Budget Update
 - Recreation Revolving Fund
 - Budget and revolving fund passed
- Summer Camp Update
 - Summer Brochure
 - Complete and ready
 - Registration
 - 323 registrations in so far
 - Summer Hiring
 - 3 positions still open – 1 summer park maintenance person, 2 one on one special needs AID
- Wasserman Park Improvements Update
 - Heating System & Sprinklers
 - Bids are coming in
 - Windows & Insulation
 - Bids are coming in
- Skateboard Park
 - Open
- Summer Concert Series
 - 20th Annual Summer Concert Series will be June 22nd – August 17th
- Summer Movie Nights
 - Merrimack Lion's Club
 - The club wants to donate money to include 2 additional movie nights
- Cardboard Box Boat Race Information
 - Been about 10 years since last cardboard box boat race
 - Would like to do this again and schedule the event for Saturday, August 27th
- Miscellaneous Department Updates
 - Moved back to Wasserman Park
 - Lion's Club participated in the Adopt-a-Cabin Program

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall - not present

- MYA - Rick Greenier – not present
- Town Council –Dan Dwyer
 - Nothing to report
- School Board – Cinda Guagliumi
 - Re-Org is on May 2nd and Cinda Guagliumi will ask to volunteer again
 - School Budget did not pass and will be reworked for the May 2nd meeting

7 Comments from the Public - was nothing

8 Comments from the Committee - was nothing

- Chris Christensen congratulated Jackie Flood and Dan Dwyer for Town Council positions which means there will be an open seat on the Parks and Recreation Committee

9 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, May 18th
- Wednesday, June 15th

10 Adjourn at 7:48pm

- Dan Dwyer made the motion to adjourn at 8:30pm
- Cinda Guagliumi 2nd the motion
- 7-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Cushman